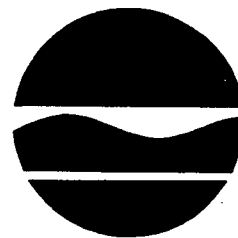


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Re: Draft Work Plan  
Fort Totten BRAC Area  
NYSDEC Site ID #241017A

Dear Peter:

I have received and reviewed the above-mentioned work plan prepared by the US Army Corp of Engineers - Baltimore District. I have the following comments:

- Bldg. 602 sampling: How will the field team determine which of the samples should be analyzed - by the highest PID readings, most visually stained, or at random? Also, what does 10% or 5 samples mean? (10% is 1.5 samples.) How will the contractor determine how many samples to take?
- Bldg. 337 sampling: Is there stained soil in the vicinity of Bldg. 337 as a result of the reported spillage of dielectric fluid? If so, the surface sample should be taken in the stained area (the work plan doesn't indicate whether the proposed surface soil location is in a stained area, or if such an area exists).
- Exhibit 3-11: As per our earlier phone conversation, I suggest that an additional monitoring well be located west of Totten Avenue between Bldgs. 101 and 600. How you accomplish this (re-allocating a proposed well location or adding one to the group) is up to you.
- Landfill GW sampling: In addition to the 9 or 10 wells proposed for installation and sampling, I suggest that you also sample the existing wells onsite on the BRAC property (P1, MW-3, MW-4 and MW-9) for the same parameters. This would give us some extra data without requiring further well construction. Of course this would depend on whether these additional wells are accessible and functional as determined by a quick inspection.

Please contact me if you have any questions on the above.

Sincerely,

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